Officials Under Suspension

2534. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1755 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th June, 1998 and state the names of the officers who are under suspension and charge against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM:) Furnishing of the details sought for in this Question may adversely affect the on-going trial/ investigations against the officers. Therefore, it is not possible to furnish the same.

Restrictions on Hospitality by Government Officials

2535. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any restrictions on Government officials inaccepting hospitality by way of stay in five star hotels for food and lodging from Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards under the Ministry of Commerce etc., and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of Conduct Rules, a Government servant shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the government if the value thereof exceeds: (i) Rs. 1,000/- in the case of Government servant holding any Group 'A' or Group 'B' post, and (ii) Rs. 250/- in the case of Government servant hodling any Group 'C' or Group 'D' post. The expression 'gift' includes free transport, boarding, lodging or other service or any other pecuniary advantage when provided by any person other than a near relative or personal friend having no official dealings with the Government servant.

Restriction on Gifts to be accepted by Government Officials

2536. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any value restriction on the gift or Mementos including silver articles which can be accepted by Government officials from Public Sector Undertakings, Port Trusts, Airport Authority, Export Promotion Councils, etc;

(b) if so, the details of the amount and value restrictions; and

(c) whether the officers have to inform their officers about having received such Mementos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the CCS (Conduct Rules) relating to gifts, a Government servant shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the Government if the value tehreof exceeds; (i) Rs. 1000/- in the case of a Government servant holding any Group 'A' or Group 'B' post; and (ii) Rs. 250/- in the case of a Government servant holding any Group 'C' or Group 'D' post.

(c) Since Mementos are also in the nature of gifts, previous sanction of the Government would be necessary for acceptance if the value thereof exceeds the prescribed limits. The rules do not